

MPC 092**Algebra II****Course Syllabus****Instructor:** Tyler Wallace**Office:** 1228**E-mail:** tylerw@bigbend.edu**Phone:** (509) 793-2154**Credits:** 5**Term:** Fall 2009**Class Mode:** Lecture**Website:** <http://bbccwallace.wikispaces.com>**Office Hours (in person or virtual):** MTWTh 1:00-2:05

Course Description: The study of basic algebraic operations and concepts, the structure and use of algebra, the solutions to algebraic equations. The study of affective factors that influence success in studying mathematics

Course Goals:

- To present the fundamentals of algebra so that the student will be able to understand and use the basic concepts of algebra to solve simple mathematical problems encountered in consumer education
- To help the student identify and implement changes in attitude, study techniques, classroom dynamics and test taking techniques that will increase the student's success in math studies
- To prepare the student for more advanced work in mathematics, science, and business
- To increase the students' ability to deal with abstract concepts
- To teach students' to think in a logical manner.

Prerequisite: Passing scores on MPC 092 final and instructor permission.**Text:** *Elementary Algebra* by Dugopolski: 6th Edition**Evaluation/Methods of Grading:** Your grade will be based on the following:

- 450 pts for each of 3 exams (150 pts each)
- 300 pts on the department competency exam (Final Class Period – NO EXCEPTIONS!).
- 130 pts for homework (35 HW at 4 pt each, 2.5 scores dropped)
- 120 pts for Quizzes (26 quizzes at 5 pts each, 2 scores dropped)

Once totaled you will need a minimum of the following points to earn the following grades:

Pts	Gd		Pts	Gd		Pts	Gd		Pts	Gd		Pts	Gd		Pts	Gd
950	4.0		862	3.4		786	2.8		720	2.2		664	1.6		619	1.0
934	3.9		849	3.3		774	2.7		710	2.1		656	1.5		612	0.9
919	3.8		836	3.2		763	2.6		700	2.0		648	1.4		606	0.8
905	3.7		823	3.1		752	2.5		691	1.9		640	1.3		600	0.7
890	3.6		810	3.0		741	2.4		681	1.8		633	1.2		0	0.0
876	3.5		789	2.9		730	2.3		673	1.7		626	1.1			

Late Work/Missing Work: No late work will be accepted. Missing a quiz will result in a 0 grade. Missing a test will result in a 0 grade unless arrangements are made and confirmed with your instructor **IN ADVANCE!**

Pass/Fail Grades: This only applies to students taking the course under the Pass/Fail grading option. It is the policy of the Mathematics and Science Division to assign a passing grade only if the earned grade for the course is 2.0 or better. This means 70% is required for a passing grade.

Attendance: Regular attendance is necessary for success in mathematics. For this reason your grade will be affected by absences. After 4 absences your grade will reduce 1 full point. For example a 3.8 final grade would be reduced to a 2.8. Every absence after that will reduce your grade 0.5 points. Thus after 9 absences you will have a 0.0 for the course (or sooner depending on your earned grade). Come to class everyday and you won't have to worry about this!

Calculators: Calculators are not needed for this course. However, on occasion, a calculator MAY be used for homework, test and quizzes. However, only the following calculators may be used in Big Bend MPC courses: TI30Xa, TI 30XIIs, Casio FX 260, or Casio FX 300. Any other calculator, no matter how similar (especially not a MultiView) is not permitted in this or any other MPC course. Note: I suggest students assume a test is no calculator allowed - you need to learn the math, not pushing of buttons.

Virtual Classroom: You have the option to attend class live over the internet. The link to access the online classroom can be found at <http://bbccwallace.wikispaces.com>. You may have to install some software the first time you log in. If you attend class virtually you will need to find a way to get your homework to me on the due date. Microphones are available for checkout if you need one, though they are not needed.

A note about being sick: The attendance policy makes room for you to be sick. You can miss a full week should you get sick with a flu virus or the like. But you can still "attend" class virtually using the above virtual classroom and this would not count as an absence. Please use your days off wisely, but please don't come to class sick! If you have a fever over 100 - stay home!

Virtual Office: In order to be more accessible to students, during my office hour I am also available in a virtual office. The link for the virtual office can be found at <http://bbccwallace.wikispaces.com>. You may have to install some software the first time you log in. I can also arrange a special appointment if needed at any time. Microphones are available for checkout if you need one, though they are not needed.

Recorded Videos of Class: In order to assist in reviewing and working on your homework, all lectures are recorded and stored at <http://bbccwallace.wikispaces.com>. They will be posted each day after class. While these videos are a tool to help you study they do NOT substitute attending class live.

Special Needs: Any student who feels he or she may need a reasonable accommodation for any type of disability, please make an appointment to see me during my office hours. You will also want to contact Disability Services as soon as possible. The disability must be documented in order to receive accommodations.

Cheating: Don't cheat. Cheating will result in a 0.0 for the course. Complete honesty is required. It is the students' responsibility to avoid even the *appearance* of cheating.

No Name: Be sure to put your name on your paper. I will not give credit for no name papers.